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REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 16-19 are presently pending in the application.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges that **claims 1-14 and 16-19** would be allowable once a corrected supplemental oath/declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) has been submitted.

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 251

The Examiner asserts that the reissue oath/declaration filed with this application is defective. However, the Examiner stated that receipt of an appropriate supplemental oath/declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) will overcome this rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 251.

Accompanying this Response is a Supplemental Oath/Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.175(b)(1) which is believed to place all of the claims (i.e., allowable claims 1-14 and 16-19) of the present application in condition for immediate allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that **allowable claims 1-14 and 16-19**, all the claims presently pending in the application, are patentably distinct over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the above application to issue at the earliest possible time.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees,

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including extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's

Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: JUNE 17, 2005

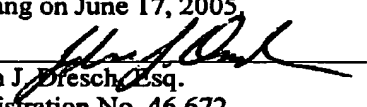

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CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION

I certify that I transmitted via facsimile to (703) 872-9306 the enclosed Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to Examiner Roger L. Pang on June 17, 2005.


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